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NOTE AND COMMENT

The conference held last week at Calgary, at which representatives of the commercial and agricultural interests of the province, after a thorough discussion, decided to do everything possible to advance the movement for the shipment of Alberta products by way of the Pacific, should prove epoch-making. The subject is one that has been dealt constantly to the fore by the Saturday News for three years back. The paper has always been impressed by the tremendous disadvantage under which the province rested because of the long haul that was necessary before its products reached the Atlantic seaboard. To reach Port William it is necessary to traverse the whole width of two great provinces and a considerable portion of two others. At that, navigation is only open on the lakes as a part of the year and if the railways have to be used all the way to St. John and Halifax, it is evident that there is little chance of a profitable return to the producer. The Hudson's Bay project has been mentioned on to relieve the situation, but we cannot believe that it will do anything like as important an effect on the future of Alberta as the opening up of this western trade.

That the change had to come in a case of time has for a long while been evident. That it is already a matter of practical concern is due to the shrewdness of a recent move of the C.P.R. So long as it held the hold it paid that company to encourage the eastern trade and force shippers to pay for the long haul. But when the Grand Trunk Pacific wants easy grades through the mountains begun to be something more than a dream the old company turned itself. It undertook a great engineering work between Hector and Field, which reduced its grades very largely, and now it announces that the rate from Alberta points to Vancouver on grain is to be 22.12 cents per hundred, instead of 25 cents as formerly. As the rate to Port William is 25 cents, it didn't take the framers and those whose interests in their welfare long to see the advantage of turning attention without delay to the west.

Last week's conference at Calgary, held under the auspices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, showed close upon the C.P.R.'s movement. Two weeks ago the Saturday News published a contribution from Mr. T. H. Woolford, of Edmonton, one of the most progressive farmers in the province. To it gave some extracts from a address delivered at Calgary by Mr. L. P. Strong of the Alberta Pacific Elevator Company, one of the first men to turn his attention to the western trade. Messrs Woolford and Strong go into the subject very fully and no one who reads either of them have to say can be impressed by the wonder of improvement, which the change in the direction of our provincial trade is bound to bring about.

At present it is necessary for a shipment of Alberta grain by way of Vancouver to travel via Cape Horn or the Suez Canal to reach Liverpool. But even with such roundabout routes, a saving of no less than six cents a bushel can be made over the cost of a shipment by way of Fort William. Then there is the very important advantage that Vancouver is an open port the year round and that by using it all the loss, inconvenience and had that the inevitable shortage of ships at the end of a season produces is wholly avoided. The far-ther ship with just as good results in February as in October.

But if a saving of six cents can be made, what may not be expected when the Panama Canal is completed? In the progress that is

being made with that undertaking Alberta has thus a very vital interest and it is satisfactory to have it announced, as it was during the past week by the chief engineer, that ships would be passing through the big ditch by Jan. 1st, 1915. The sensational stories about the Gatun dam, on which so much depends, being unsafe have been exploded by the report of a corps of eminent engineers. With the canal and the Grand Trunk Pacific completed, a very much larger saving than six cents per bushel over the rate which has been in force up to the present will be effected. By 1915 Alberta will be considerably nearer the Liverpool market, so far as the cost of getting its products there is concerned, than either Saskatchewan or Manitoba, while there is also the rapidly growing trade of the Orient and South and Central America to reckon upon. Is it too much to say that such a development constitutes a revolution?

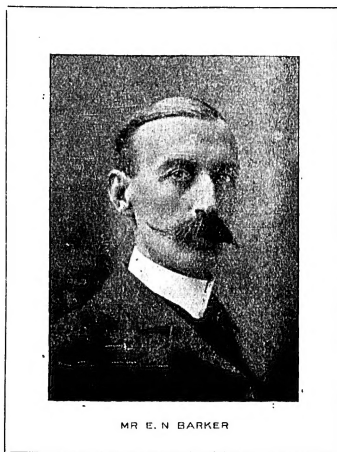
One of the practical results of the Calgary conference was that the Dominion Government was urged to erect and operate a terminal elevator at Vancouver. If the Government, however, did not take this action, it was determined to ask the C.P.R. to do so without delay, in order that the crop of 1909 might be handled by way of that port. At present it is necessary to ship to Vancouver in bags because of the lack of these terminal facilities. This costs a good deal of money and in order to obtain the full advantage of the route, it should be possible to ship in bulk. The other important request was that the Maritime Grain Act, under which it is difficult to ship west, be altered in accordance with the needs of the new route.

That we have in Alberta a province which in its variety of natural resources surpasses any other member of Confederation, most people who have made a study of conditions here are prepared to admit. That cut off as we have been from the large centres of the world's trade we have made such progress is a marvel. But if we have done this, with so many influences against us, what may we not expect in the new era that with so many fresh avenues of communication, both between different points of the province and between the province and the world at large, being opened up within the next half-dozen years?

The controversy between President Roosevelt and those members of the State Legislatures of California and Nevada, who have been intent on passing Anti-Japanese legislation, continues to attract world-wide attention. He appears to have convinced a considerable element among the Jap-baiters that they owed a duty to the republic, which should restrain them from going to the limit of their constitutional powers and perhaps involving the two countries in war. The situation if of decided interest to Canadians, fresh from a very similar experience. In this country the central governing body fortunately is better able to assert its authority. This does not mean, of course, that the Dominion Government any more than that of the United States is justified in riding rough shod over the opinions and wishes of the people out on the Pacific. So long as the latter are reasonable, it should be possible to secure for them what they wish without endangering Imperial and national interests. Mr. Ralph Smith M.P. for Nanaimo, speaking in the Commons the other day, cited some figures to show how the policy of the Dominion Government, strongly criticized though it was in British Columbia, had effected the result that that province desires.

"We have to take things as we find them," said Mr. Smith, "and when the practical people of British Columbia realize that the Japanese are not coming into that Province since the date of the settlement, they will, I believe, admit that it has been effective. The direct effect

A Recruit to be Proud of



MR. E. N. BARKER

At the first of the present month the Saturday News are able to announce that after the first of the collector of customs at Cardston and will become at an early date a citizen of Edmonton. With his of its associated publication, name and with the products of Mr. Barker's pen, the readers of the Saturday News, to the columns of which he has been a frequent contributor during the past three years, he is already familiar. His sketches of early days in Alberta, his treatment of subjects connected with out-door life, his pleas for the application of humanitarian ideas in his relations to domestic and other animals, have all received widespread attention and have stamped him as a man of keen observation and broad interests who is at the same time possessed of a peculiarly attractive and forceful literary style.

It is therefore with a great deal of pleasure that the publishers of

that settlement came into operation in June, 1908, and I must confess that I was myself surprised at what the public records show since then. I believe in having the facts as they are whether they are for us or whether they are against us. In this question is to be settled it must be settled on the facts and not on any political feelings which may be introduced, and I have every confidence in the intelligence and judgment of the people of British Columbia that when the facts are made known to them they will gladly admit that the settlement has been effective. As I have said, the practical effect of that settlement came into operation in June 1908. Only 51 Japanese came into British Columbia in June, 1908. Of these 51, 22 were women and children, so that as a matter of fact only 29 Japanese laborers entered British

only 198 Japanese have come into the Province of British Columbia."

The Saturday News has all along had confidence in the result of that settlement. No chapter in the career of the present Dominion administration, it believes, will prove more creditable than its handling of this grave problem and the Liberals of British Columbia made a grave error, both from the standpoint of political tactics and from that of the general good of the country, in not standing by it more loyally.

Neither party in the coast province stands in a very enviable light just at present. The publication of the forged telegram from Mr. Borden in the Victoria Colonist shows the worst kind of political management. Those responsible for it were on a par with the ordinary clumsy criminal. That it should have involved a paper with the clean record of the Colonist is a matter for extreme regret. That Mr. Borden was in no way to blame is evident. He knew nothing of the use to which his name had been put, but it is perfectly clear that it was because of the forgery that a supporter of his now sits for Victoria and the least that Mr. Barnard can do is to resign. Hon. Mr. Hyam was compelled to resign from the representation of London when it was shown that wholesale corruption had been resorted to in his behalf, and very rightly so, though his majority was up in the hundreds. Mr. Barnard's, on the other hand, barely reached double figures. Both of these gentlemen may very well pay to be delivered from such friends as the supposed clever political managers who turned the trick in their respective cases.

Mr. Templeman has been returned for Comox-Atlin by a series of deals, so it is alleged, of the kind which bring politics into contempt. That Mr. Sloan, who resigned in his favor, will be given some appointment, a senatorship preferably, is reasonably certain. It was at first proposed to oppose Mr. Templeman's return, but such action was headed off, so the Vancouver World informs us, by the promise of two judicial appointments to prominent Conservatives. Such things have happened before and it would not be at all surprising if they should happen again. If Mr. Templeman is considered a necessity in the Commons, an opinion which it is difficult to credit in view of his record, considerations of party loyalty should be sufficient to induce some one to make way for him. This has happened frequently when a leader has met with defeat. The constituency of Carleton was elected to give Mr. Borden a place after the last general election. That such a step was for the good of the country there is no doubt. But it is a different matter when responsible public officers are trafficked in to bring about the result desired.

We hear so much of railway construction going on in our own part of the Empire that we are apt to lose sight of great developments that are taking place under the Union Jack in other continents. The chief engineer of the Cape to Cairo railway, Mr. Gildemester, arrived in New York recently and gave in an interview some decidedly interesting information in respect to that project.

"In the Cape Town-Cairo Railway," said Mr. Gildemester, "there is at present a stretch of about 2,500 miles to be completed. It lies between Khartoum, in the British Egyptian Sudan, to Broken Hill, a point in Rhodesia. It is estimated that this remaining mileage will be completed within three years, and then the longest railroad in the world, covering in the neighborhood of 6,000 miles, will be finished."

It is estimated that the total cost to be? Very close to \$200,000,000, or about \$1,000,000,000. I should say, but a comparatively small amount when it is considered what a glorious thing it will be for Africa, one of the greatest and richest countries of the world. It will be possible for the traveller to journey from Berlin or

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MUSIC AND DRAMA

The question of whether certain plays are fit to produce, or not is always to the fore in the metropolises as well as in the familiar haunts of the barn-stormer. In the conduct of this column I reproduce a great deal from the New York Sun, but I think that my readers will agree that it is all worth the space that is given it. The following article was, at any rate, of decided interest to me, while its conclusions cannot be stated too emphatically.

"There are now being produced in several theatres in New York," says the Sun, "plays which if offered to the public a few years ago would have called down on their authors and managers the most violent denunciations from a large and influential fraction of the people of the town. In the winter of 1905 'Mrs. Warren's Profession' was stopped by the police, and though afterwards decided that it might be played, the action of Commissioner McAdoo was loudly applauded. But 'Mrs. Warren's Profession' is mild and restrained in comparison with certain dramatic offerings which pass to-day unrebuked and almost unnoticed by the professional guardians of popular morals."

"On the variety stage also dances which would have been prohibited in public ten years ago are witnessed nightly by large numbers of enthusiastic spectators, and without a word of objection from the authorities. There was much commendation of the gentleman who induced Mr. Corbett to withdraw 'Salome' from the Metropolitan Opera House, but Mr. Hammerstein has not found opposition to it sufficiently acute to be of much advertising value. It will be remembered that when complaint was made of the professional wardrobe of one vaudeville favorite last year the police were contented when they learned that she did wear clothes, and that the appearance of nudity which added to the interest of her dance was only an illusion. In these incidents there seems to be indicated a change in the conventional attitude toward audacious stage entertainments and a standard of judgment less portentious than that to which we have been accustomed in the past."

"At the same time that these daring and in some cases indecent productions are proving profitable a number of thoroughly clean plays are enjoying prosperity, showing that appeals to the low and carnal are not essential to the success of a theatre. The interesting aspect of the condition now existing is not this comforting truth, however. It is the unprecedented licence of these agencies and individuals who are usually quick to denounce merely questionable performances at a time when lust and passion are more freely exploited than has been the case in years."

It will be the best kind of news to Edmonton theatre-goers to learn that the San Francisco Opera Company, which last autumn gave as good a series of orchestral performances as any city of 100,000 to 200,000 people, situated within the most central theatrical zone, could wish for, will return for a three nights engagement, March 15, 16 and 17.

Holly Sheppard, whose "hasell minstrels" of two years ago will long be remembered, is again in Edmonton and will repeat his enterprise at an early date.

Under the direction of Mr. Frank Wrigley a notable rendition of "The Elphing" was given in Calgary last week. Mendelssohn's splendid oratorios, I understand from those who had the good fortune to be present, has seldom been done better active in Canada. Madame O'Hara of Chicago, Madame Ellis-Browne, a recent acquisition to Calgary's musical circles, Dr. G. R. Purje and Mr. J. O. Trotter took the solos.

Miss Grace V. Bonner, impersonator and ventriloquist is giving an entertainment in Westminster Presbyterian church, Edmonton, on Thursday of this week.

JIMMY FAX.

The James Fax Concert Company will appear in the city on Friday and Saturday, February 19th and 20th. Fax is a versatile comedian and character vocalist; he is a humorist from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot; he is a singer, impersonator, monologist and actor all in one, and he combines his various talents to produce an interesting and varied series of numbers. Mr. Fax is an excellent type of refined vocal comedian; his work is of that delightful

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The Heart Courageous

The sun will not for ever shine,
Nor winds be ever warm
The brightest of our summer
days
Will often end in storm.
Yet what if skies be overcast
One sun will never set.
If in the heart courageous still
Love helps us to forget.

Smiles may not always welcome
The flowers of friendship grow.
Yet though the blossoms all may
drop
The roots will ever live.
In the heart courageous still
Love helps us to forgive.

Fate that before had smiled on
us
May turn an unkind wheel,
And grim misfortune harshly
nips
Our necks beneath her heel.
Yet in the desert of distress,
We find some nanna yet,
If in the heart courageous still
Love's precious gems are set.

As down the misty vale of Time
The years relentlessly glide,
Some souls we love may reach
the shore
Where rest and peace abide.
Yet as we watch them fade away
On sorrow's lonely hill,
Bravely the heart courageous
leaves
For we can love them still.

—A. C. G., Edmonton, Feb. 11, 1909.

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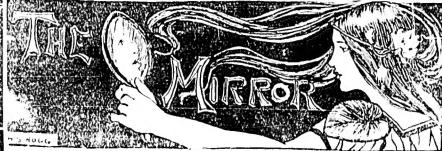
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TO SAINT VALENTINE.

O sweet Saint Valentine, your holiday
Is laughed at now, as being out of date.

Though indeed, you held your holiday
Over men and maidens, fearful of their fate.

Is it that modern teachers educate
Them, charges in a cadrosic way;
And from the calendar eliminate
O sweet Saint Valentine, your holiday?

The patron Saint of lovers! must you stray
From off our path? Have we grown so select?

That we must seek your token, which, they say,
Is laughed at now, as being out of date.

Unkindly modern pedants love to prate
To marshall all their facts in dull array.

To show how you have had to abdicate,
Though once, indeed, you held your holiday.

Far better were the times, unlearned, gay,
When you were throned, and ruled in happy state.

Let him deny the truth of this, who may
Over men and maidens, fearful of their fate.

It is the fashion, now, to deprecate
The old beliefs; to hurry to decay
Old cherished customs? Shall we learn too late

The price, which, for our folly, we must pay,
O sweet Saint Valentine?

Who got all the Valentines I see
Pinned up in lonely elegance
Or strung on long strings in the shop windows
Of late? Somebody must buy them, and yet what an eternity
It seems since the receipt of one of the sentimental missives came my way,
To send me into a panic of guessing as to who it was it was this tender fashion craved that I should be his Valentine. Nor am I apparently the only neglected one on the Love Saint's feast day. It is many years since I have even heard tell of any friend of mine receiving one of the sentimental things. Perhaps it is that men have grown into such bold wooers that they no longer seek the aid of punctured picture hearts to convey their despair and longing, or perhaps again they have become philosophical: "If she loves me, well; if not, there are others."

And so with up-to-date wooing carried on in business-like fashion, we have had good bye to captivated lace paper love declarations. I liked the pink ones best that had a dove in the middle, way back in a fluff of lace frames, that you could pull out and out and the more frilly lace the better and then gaze in bewilderment at the device transfixed with an arrow in his heart, as dear girl, had torn the distracted sender's.

Who on earth? Emmy, meeny, miny, no, could desire your heart? It couldn't be Henry because he just kissed if he wanted to any way, without so much as "your leave."

You hoped it wasn't that pucky John because you'd never, never, never confide your love to his keeping. Maybe maybe it was Kenneth such lovely and eyes as he had, perhaps, delicious thought, it was you who made them sad! Hugging the thought you kiss your pink heart's effusion, and the next time you meet, behave a bit consciously with your dreamy eyed Lothario, only to learn before the day is out that it was held Henry after all, who had had the temerity to purchase, and send the sunny thing. Quaint old Valentines, oh Buster Brown type, how have you the face to show your naughty grin beneath such tender guise? quaint and sweet love stories that have twined about the broken hearts and other emblems depicted on your front, and there no longer but only to seek you out and in winning their lady-fayres, or are you forever turned to ludicrous and obnoxious ugly uses, tell me true, Saint Valentine, are hearts no longer timorous?

Apropos of having a day at home it is interesting to learn that the custom originated in France in the beginning of the eighteenth century with Mlle. de Seudery, an authoress and a woman whom all the Paris personages of old Paris delighted to honor.

Mlle. de Seudery was as busy as any modern American woman, and for that reason, being also a wise woman, she organized her activities. She had two days a week at home. Her Saturdays became historic for it was then she received the brilliant men and beautiful women who made famous the salons of the Hotel Rambouillet. On Tuesdays she received her intimate friends.

Many French women of the great world of the present time have two days at home a week, says Harper's Bazar, others select certain hours, say, until 3 in the afternoon, every day in the week, while women of the middle class who have many serious occupations permit themselves the pleasure of seeing their friends at home but one day in two weeks.

In any case French women essentially preserve the charm of the custom established by Mlle. de Seudery, who achieved her success by simple means which are quite within the reach of every American woman. Her small house in Paris, tucked in a garden full of fruit bearing trees surrounded by tall shrubs and bushes. Conversation that is free of all littleness, was "litteraire et entente," gay and gossip, according to the character of those present, and if the weather was fine they took a turn in the garden path, eating and eating cherries, when the fruit was in season. In short the day was truly and in all simplicity a day at home.

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HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, a Stander-By

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Mr. E. B. Osburn, a man of wide experience, who has travelled over the Dominion every now and then for many years back, was recently deputed to write a series of articles for "Canada" giving the result of his observations during a recent Canadian trip. Here is an extract from one of his last letters. "It was always self-evident to me that Edmonton must eventually become a city of the first magnitude. She stands at the only door through the Canadian Rockies the Yellowhead Pass, and, as Winnipeg is the gateway of the vast territory between the International boundary line and the north branch of the Saskatchewan, so Edmonton is the place of entry and across for the Peace River country, and the billion acres of which it forms a part. We can now know from the evidence of trees and plants, which cannot lie and live, that wheat may be grown for hundreds of miles north of the Saskatchewan Valley. These facts guarantee for Edmonton, with Strathcona the river between cannot prevent them coalescing in the end a population of at least a quarter of a million in the middle distance of the future."

No wonder we are getting our backs "criz" when we hear men, like Mr. Osburn, and others who should know what they are talking about, express opinions such as the above. Indeed those on the ground only need to keep their eyes and ears open and employ a common-sense method of deduction to be quite sure in their minds as to the future that is in store, with or without the observations of strangers, distinguished and undistinguished.

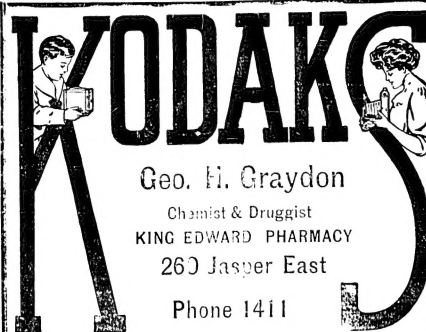
At the Speaker's dinner this week Mr. Justice Stuart made a very wise remark. Referring indirectly to certain events, in the early months of the province's history, which had caused hard feelings between the north and south of its settled portion, he declared that the best way in which these could be allayed was by the settling up of Edmonton's hinterland. When railways were built in that direction, he sincerely hoped that it would be shown that the Peace River country was all that had been claimed for it. Once the people of Alberta, as a whole, were convinced by demonstration its possibilities more would have been done for the cause of provincial unity than could be accomplished by any other means.

Of course the final test will come when the railways are built and Peace River Crossing and Fort Vermilion and other places to the north are centres from which a large part of Alberta's contribution to the staples of the world's commerce is shipped. But even now we have fairly clear indication of what we are to expect in the days to come, quite sufficient at least to justify the supplying of modern means of communication.

Last year the Dominion government started a "rimmental work" in agriculture at Fort Vermilion, 350 miles in a direct line from Edmonton, a further distance to the north than the international boundary line is to the south. His report on the season's operations has now been presented, and makes decidedly interesting reading. Seeding was in full swing by May 1, and the harvest began by August 20th. It was a bountiful one in all respects, there being no trace of frost damage. Wheat averaged 24 bushels to the acre; oats, 50 and barley 60; turnips 16 tons to the acre; mangels, 15, and white carrots, 12. Some apple and plum trees sent into the country in the spring of 1907 are making an excellent growth. What made 350 miles from a railway ever made a better showing than this?

Incidentally it should be noted that at the provincial seed fair in Calgary last week, Mr. George Harcourt, deputy minister of agriculture, ventured the prediction based on definite experiments, that in fifteen years Alberta would be known as a fruit-growing province.

Edmonton had an opportunity during the past week to learn of the good work which Miss Agnes Deans



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Cameron has been doing in making a 1st Provincial Sanitary Engineer. His estimates as to the cost are not so far apart as they very well can be. As the advisability of going on with the Pigeon Lake scheme depends altogether on which is correct, there is nothing to do but install a meter and defer action till its verdict is registered.

The first anniversary of the establishment of the Edmonton Y.M.C.A. was celebrated by an enjoyable banquet on Friday evening of last week, when the Lieutenant-Governor, the Mayor, Y.M.C.A. travelling secretary Sayers and others joined in extending congratulations on the success of the year's work. There is no doubt about the value of the institution. It cannot be exaggerated nor those who have been in charge too warmly praised for the way in which they have gone about their work.

Another gentleman, who was listened to with keen interest at the Speaker's dinner was Mr. W. H. Rowley, president of the E. B. Eddy Co. of Hull, Quebec. Mr. Rowley informed the assembled company that his company had for some years been considering the establishment of a manufacturing plant in Alberta and that during the coming summer one of their experts would visit the province with a view to making minute investigation as to the advisability of launching out on the enterprise at the present time. He declared that they were not bonhomme hunters. All that they would require was a fixed assessment for a certain period. One of their great necessities was an adequate supply of labor of women and children. Mr. Rowley is an enthusiast on the subject of forest conservation and made a strong plea for effective measures for protecting the trees, on which, he maintained, the prosperity, health and happiness of the whole body of the people depended.

That the Eddy Company are keeping their eyes strictly on Edmonton is evident from the announcement that during the summer their western representatives, Tees and Pers, Ltd., will erect a large whole sale block, somewhere near the Macdonald warehouse. Another concern which is making a move is the Royal Fruit Company, the local manager of which is Mr. H. C. Stockton. During the week they purchased lot 215, on the west side of Third street, between Jasper and Athabasca, for \$10,500 and will erect there in the course of the next few months a solid brick warehouse. The former owner was Mr. Tegler.

A recent addition to the ranks of the city's wholesalers is the Adams Bros. Harness Co., of Toronto and Winnipeg, which has leased the ground floor of the Meacham's Hall on Third street. Mr. J. W. Fullbrook, now of Calgary, will be manager.

The lengthening days, even though sometimes accompanied by zero weather, strongly suggest the coming of spring and much street talk is already heard about building operations that are in prospect. There is no doubt that a very active season is ahead. For the first ten days of February the permits amounted to \$67,700 while for the whole of the month in 1908 they were only \$34,000. The large blocks that will go up on Jasper avenue will effect a great change in the appearance in that thoroughfare. Mr. D. W. McDonald's building at the corner of Second will be five stories in height.

The gravity proposition for supplying Edmonton with water has been laid over till July in order that it may be determined how much it costs the city to pump water at present. Commissioner McNaughton

be a cure-all but I wish to suggest one means that could be used to some extent at least, and that is a good market building in every town in the Province where the producer can go with what he has to sell and meet the consumer in good comfortable quarters, where they can make a bargain without half freezing to death, and neither feel like meeting the other on mutual grounds and not both feel as at present, that they are paying dearly for any advantage they might gain in the deal when made out in the open market square, as is the rule in practically all of the western towns. There have been at different times spasmodic efforts made toward a market building in Edmonton, but there has never been any united and persistent effort toward the carrying out of any of the many plans which have been proposed, and Judge Tipton told us at the seed fair in Strathcona the other day that he and others had been talking market quarters for Strathcona with similar results as the Edmonton efforts have been met with. At the same time hundreds of people in both towns are in sore need of the various farm and garden products so much relished in winter in this climate. These products are going to waste, thereby curtailing the farmers' means and resources thousands of dollars worth in the vicinity of these two towns alone worse than lost, for we draw from circulation the money so badly needed at home to pay for and import something to take the place of our wasted products, which we could and should make use of. Looking at it from this stand point it is very plain to a thinking person that a market building would be a paying proposition. Is there not some way to get the authorities in the towns to move in this matter? We believe they would be backed up by the people in and around every town in the Province. Mr. D. W. Warner, in the Alberta Homestead.

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Wholesome on Monday or Tuesday evening, the church bazaar was packed on the first evening, many being turned away, that it was considered desirable to repeat it the next night.

Up to the present I have heard just what the Westward Ho Chapter will not be their share of the venture, but certainly all things point to a handsome amount towards the purchase of the ambulance horses.

I am indebted to the Edmonton Teachers' Club for an invitation to an "At Home" given in the Alexander Taylor school on Friday evening, Feb. 12th, when Miss Agnes Deans Cameron is to give an address. Incidentally I saw the announcement boards in front of the Presbyterian Church referred to Miss Cameron as Miss Agnes Deans Cameron. Now, her name isn't Cameron, but by any number of means, as the Chapter have good reason to know, by the star attraction and her lecture proved, and I think it's about time Miss Cameron ceased to be frocked in a day by one paper, appearing as the Rev. Agnes Deans Cameron, and the next referred to as a "Deans."

The following had the honor of dining at Government House on February 9th: Hon. W. C. Finlay, His Lordship, the Bishop of Calgary, The Hon. Mr. Justice Scott, The Hon. Mr. Justice Beck, Lt. Col. R. L. Belcher, C. M. G., Mr. C. E. Hebert, M. L. A., Mr. J. A. Simpson, M. L. A., Mr. W. F. Bredin, M. L. A., Mr. W. F. Purfer, M. L. A., Mr. R. T. Felford, M. L. A., Mr. F. A. Walker, M. L. A., Rev. E. E. Schall, Professor W. H. Alexander.

The North Battleford News says: "Mr. A. D. Duncan, who is acting as manager of the local branch of the Imperial Bank during the past 21 months and has in that interval made many business friends and acquaintances in North Battleford and surrounding district, has received instructions to proceed to Kesteven, where he will assume the management of the bank's business at that point."

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are both well-known in Edmonton, where the former is connected with Simpson, paid an extended visit some winters ago.

One of the large social functions of the year in Calgary was the bazaar given last week by Mrs. Burns at her beautiful home on Thirteenth Avenue west. The Alberta says in its account: "The spacious apartments, delightfully artistic in every detail, lend themselves perfectly for entertainments, and the decorating was prettily arranged with beautiful floral designs, statuary, palms and handsome rubber plants. These were relieved by a wealth of daffodils, cyclamens and carnations in every nook and corner. Mrs. Burns' orchestra was in attendance, and played irresistibly many favorite tunes to which the feet of the guests were tripped in merry rhythm. A delicious supper was served in the basement. The tables were carefully laid inviting, with their snowy cloths, lovely silver and perfect appointments with pretty decorations and clusters of pink and white carnations in magnificent crystal vases around which Alabama smilax trailed gracefully."

At least two hundred people came to welcome the new superintendent, Miss Kewey, at the reception given on Thursday evening, Feb. 10th, in the Y.W.C.A. parlors. The board wishes to thank those who were kind enough to show their appreciation by coming and particularly Miss Chegwinn, under whose charge the reception was arranged. Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Thayer opened the door for the guests who were received by Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. A. E. May presided at the tea table for the first hour and were relieved by Mrs. Secord and Mrs. Leo Mrs. Whitlaw and Miss Wetherald assisted in making the guests comfortable, while Mrs. Saigron and Mrs. Crafts very ably took charge of the kitchen. An address of appreciation and a pin were presented to Miss Dunlop, the retiring matron, to which she replied in a suitable manner.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Speaker Fisher chose this week for entertaining, the Speaker's dinner taking place on Monday at the Yale cafe, when about forty guests were present. And now to prove what dismal failures men are when it comes to social reporting I have only to tell you that while I have quizzed a dozen present on the floral arrangements, etc., etc., all the information I have gained up to the present is: "Oh, yes! the flowers. M-m-m-m; well, they really were very fine. Some sort of red roses and you know that white stuff, oh and you know, Oh, I don't know; they were all right all the same."

And this: "I believe you women express it, 'the color scheme' was red and white. 'Red roses' you see they all recognized them, and I hear that every sandy I only write it, that I should call it red) haired man annexed a red rose instead of a white for his place buttonhole - 'red roses and you know that sort of curly

little white flower, smells deliciously, all hands high the entire length of the table. Had you been there I think you would have described it as a perfect flower of beauty and fragrance, which it was, by the way. Oh, yes and on the buffet were some glorious red tulips." Think of it the man said "glorious."

From which accounts I gather that flowers and dinner were the one exquisite and the other excellent, but that some of the speeches were too long-winded. The "whirlwind" I recognized at once as smilax, and "the little curly white flowers" as hyacinths. Of course Mr. Ramsay had charge of the floral arrangements, which means that they were something well worth seeing.

Mrs. Fisher's "At Home" coming late on Thursday afternoon means that I must hold over my account until next week.

I saw that Mrs. Jack Anderson is having a fine time in Ottawa, all her old friends seeming intent on sending her back to the Alberta in order to keep her departure away from that of the Dominion. Mrs. Anderson is expected home about the 25th and I hear some talk that Mrs. Oliver will accompany her.

I have been asked by one of the committee who are to have a "Book Bazaar" at the Hospital Bazaar in April to ask if any person who has any new books, or ones in good condition that they would be disposed to donate to so very worthy a cause, if they will send the same at as early a date as possible by telephoning any of the following: Mrs. Perry Hardisty, No. 2071; Miss Halbane, No. 1616; Miss Katherine Hubbs, No. 1072, who will be glad to send around and collect them April seems a long way off but as a matter of fact, it will be here before we know it. And the work to accomplish between now and then is stupendous. To know what every household will be able to contribute would be a very great help, whence this early appeal.

On Wednesday morning at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Kinsington avenue, before a large congregation, the wedding took place of the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Seward of 720 Nanagan avenue, and Mr. J. E. Bagley, of the Edmonton Produce Company. The bride was attended by the Misses Edith and Jessie McArthur.

Mrs. V. P. Hunt will receive on Tuesday afternoon, and evening, Feb. 10th, for the first time in her new home 1343 Victoria avenue, corner of 14th street.

A National social will be held in the Y.M.C.A. parlors, Friday, Feb. 12 from 4 to 6 and in the evening from 8 to 10. The proceeds will go towards extending the work of the Association.

"An elopement which would have made a pretty mess of things in two families was stopped by the entrance into a Pullman of an elderly lady friend of the girl who had started on an ill advised journey. The lady is no fool and thought rather shocked, took in the situation and acted quickly. She accosted the embarrassed pair and in a few words let them have a forecast of the consequences of their foolish and wrong action. Then she took the girl into her stateroom and kept her there, and the young man slipped off at the next station and returned by a passing train to Toronto. The young lady also returned next day to town, and the two young people are trying their best not to see one another as they pass by, for only on this condition is their secret to be kept. Funny what things happen that no one suspects." Toronto Saturday Night.

History fails to relate who told "the paper lady," but it's rather a safe guess that the elderly party who could argue on the folly of eloping hadn't the good taste or sense to hold her tongue, a little later on.

Mrs. Spatt of Victoria Ave. gave a delightful bridge and tea to a jolly little coterie of friends on Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Pilot, was fortunate enough to capture the pretty and useful first prize, and Miss Worsley carried off the Consolation.

Mrs. Spratt received her guests in a decidedly smart black and white striped frock, which became her admirably. In her frank, attractive manner she made everything well come, and play was indulged in until five o'clock when some friends who don't "bridge" dropped in for tea.

The table, which was set in the dining room, was charmingly arranged with fine old silver, a bowl of exquisite white hyacinths and candles in unshaded silver candlesticks.

Among those present I noticed: Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Seaisland, Mrs. Calderon, Mrs. Donald MacDonald, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Griesbach, Mrs. Miss Worsley and Miss Pilot, and Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Bowers who came in to tea.

The spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. John McDougall was the scene of one of the smartest teas of the season on Tuesday afternoon, when the Westward Ho Chapter of the

Daughters of the Empire entertained in the charming surroundings, through Mrs. McDougall's kindness, in honor of Miss Agnes Deans Cameron.

Mrs. McDougall received at the entrance to the fine large drawing room wearing a handsome black satin gown with heavy lace passementerie, and a magnificent equal neckpiece. With her was Mrs. Cameron, in a true striped tulle-made gown and hat in the same tones, necessarily employed in the splendid performance of the night before, at the Alce of Chicago, a friend of Miss Cameron's, who were a brown to lured suit and mink hat.

About the rooms lovely flowers were scattered with a lavish hand, and in the grates cherry fires drew ever-changing little groups of women to bask for a space in their vicinity. Such an altogether enjoyable hour, good friends, some interesting talk and all the same at a cost.

While refreshments were served throughout the entire lower suite of rooms, it was in the tea room where most of the interesting and interesting part of interest, that the largest numbers at all times congregated. I thought the arrangement unusually lovely.

In the centre, on an exquisite lace centrepiece, which was outlined with billows of mauve tulle and caught here and there with great bows of mauve satin ribbon, was an arrangement of daffodils, roses and hyacinths with a background of cool green fern. Here Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Hardisty presided, while Mrs. Annie McDougall, Mrs. Violet Wilson and Miss Eleanor Taylor assisted.

Miss Alice McDougall was everywhere, a charming assistant hostess. Among those present I noticed: Mrs. Bulven, Honorary Regent of Westward Ho Chapter, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Constantine, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. H. C. Wilson, Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Bellamy, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Sena, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Duncan Marshall, Mrs. Percy Hardisty, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Wallbridge, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Brien, Mrs. Williamson Taylor, Mrs. Howe of Calgary, Miss Hughes, Miss Marjorie Brown, and Miss Forsythe.

The Misses Murphy were the hostesses of a young people's bridge on Tuesday night, when a jolly game and an altogether delightful evening was spent.

Mrs. McMahon entertained at a most enjoyable bridge on Wednesday.

Mrs. Harcourt McKay avenue, will not receive this month and not until the second Friday in March.

On Saturday afternoon after the skating the Misses Florence and Alice Cameron had a delightful young people's tea at which pretty girls, with a generous sprinkling of stalwart men, first enjoyed some delicious refreshments, followed by an impromptu dance, the fine big rooms proving too great a temptation to be resisted.

Mrs. Cameron received her daughter's guests, wearing a handsome gown of black silk, on the de chine over tulle, with folds of black satin and heavy lace garniture. Miss Florence Cameron wore a smart Directoire frock with trimmings of lovely lace which suited her tall slight figure admirably. Miss Alice Cameron was in dainty pale blue muslin trimmed with Val lace and insertion, and Miss Jessie, the youngest daughter of the house, proved a tireless assistant hostess and wore a girlish frock of rag silk.

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The farmers of Alberta cannot successfully compete with grain growers in the states, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Dakota, Minnesota, and other places, unless a shorter haul is made available, thus overcoming the 50 or 60 margin.

MUSTN'T DEPEND ON YIELD.

It is true that we have a larger yield per acre than any of these places, but it is not business to depend on this fact. Alberta will not always produce the excellent crop of last year, but it can be depended upon to average better crops year by year than any of the other grain districts.

The railroads, elevators and farmers realize that an early shipment of grain must be made in order to get the benefit of good prices, made possible by the lake route to the Atlantic points. In September and October the cars and elevators are all filled, and cars

This condition means that on Oct. 15 the elevator man cannot any longer do business on a 25 margin, but must protect himself by an 85 margin. The earlier movement of grain would have saved the extra 50 that profits no person except the railroad.

The question of the difference between the elevator man and the platform lender regarding the supply of cars is a most vital one, and must be settled some day.

NO BETTER WHEAT ANY WHERE.

My experience in almost every known market of the world shows me that Alberta red winter wheat will bring more money than the same variety grown in any other district. Alberta is the only district in the entire Dominion that raises red winter wheat for export; but still heretofore we have been obliged to send our export surplus to a spring wheat market. Men who are buying spring wheat are naturally prejudiced against a variety they see very little of, and know very little about. Our destiny as a wheat producing district does not lie in the markets where Saskatchewan and Manitoba sell their spring grain. If Alberta red will bring the best price in all the markets of the world, a distinctive market must be established for it.

The elevator owners of Alberta have been handicapped more than any other men in the same business, simply because this market has not before been available.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

This year prices were made to

Liverpool on No. 2 red winter wheat, and an order for 16,000 bushels came back, paying 25 more than was then being realized for spring wheat.

Three years ago Mr. Strong and he took the freight rate to the coast. At that time the rate was 25¢ per cwt. Now it is only 22 1/2¢ per cwt. and is coming down.

The second proposition made to Liverpool was for 16,000 bushels of No. 2 or No. 3 wheat at 1¢ premium over spring wheat shipment to be made over the western route. Buyers were given no choice in the selection of the route, but the result was a cable saying: "Sixteen thousand bushels No. 2 by way of Vancouver." Some time ago I needed 4,000 bushels of red wheat that I had previously sold at a margin of 3¢ less than spring wheat, and was obliged to pay much more for it.

This old country market for the disposal of our grain can be easily reached by the establishment of large terminal elevators at Vancouver. That city is in just as favorable a position for the shipment of grain as is either Fort William, Duluth, St. Paul, Chicago, or Portland. The establishment of terminals there would also remove many of the difficulties now caused by the car shortage, because the railroads can handle the shipments much more promptly.

The present rate on Alberta grain to Liverpool by way of the coast is 55¢ per cwt. By way of Vancouver to the same market it is just 5¢ per cwt. This means that when the western route is used the Alberta farmer will realize just 6¢ per bushel more for his wheat. The latter rate will probably be greatly reduced in the early future, because of the railroad competition coming and the establishment of a line of grain boats on the Pacific. Another difficulty that must be overcome is the doing away of the extra cost of six cents per bushel for sackage. Just now Vancouver has not adequate elevators or storehouses. Large storage facilities must be established there at once in order to make that city the recognized red winter wheat market of the world.

Spasmodically there has been something doing in this western movement for the past three years and the movement has not become permanent simply because of a lack

of storage facilities. During three years Australia has taken some of our oats, Japan has taken some wheat and flour and now Mexico is calling for our grain.

TERMINAL ELEVATORS.

I don't know just how we will get these terminal elevators or how we should get them, but we must have them at once to hold what trade we already have. The government, C.P.R., or any other corporation should be assisted if they take the matter up.

The opening of this new market in Liverpool for wheat has associated another outlet for our flour, and it will not be long before Alberta will be looked upon as the milling centre of the Dominion.

These new rates are in effect by either the St. Lawrence or the Horn. In a short time the Panama canal will be finished, and this means that the rates will be then materially decreased. Both routes are now being experimented with in order to determine which is the best.

The Mexico market is a splendid one for the Alberta farmer to control because nearly half the time that country is obliged to import a large quantity of wheat.

A Nature Lover

To anyone but the grossest of materialists, the mountain ranges to the southwest and west of Cardston are a time of beauty and a joy for ever. But to view them at their best one must be up before the sun, for, just before sun up there gathers on and around them a color scheme of pink and purple and pale blue impossible colors one would think but mixed as they can only be on Nature's palette so that men who look upon them with seeing eyes surely "have Heaven in fee, to gild their dross therewith."

Not is the beauty of the mountains all they have to offer. For the mountain or enormous heights are to scale and to the sportsmen game in extraordinary variety. At least so it would seem from the tale told by a hunter from across the line who came back to Cardston from a long trip among the giant sentinels that watch over her wheat fields.

He declared that, though he had often heard of a sportsman's para-

dise, never before had he come across one in sober truth. Deer, bear, wolves, wild goats, mountain sheep, besides birds innumerable and of endless variety had, according to his story and in spite of close seasons, fallen to his rifle and gun.

Our friend told the story especially of how he had "met up with" a particularly colossal and majestic flock, and having the ardent spirit of the climber as well as of the hunter he set out to climb, though the mountain seemed to shoulder the heavens and its top to pierce the sky. A fortnight ago, (this pardon two weeks) did he climb; always higher, led on by the varying sport afforded by ever-changing altitudes; at the summit he bagged a cherubim.

Verily a sportsman's paradise. But indeed 60 bushels of wheat to the acre is quite a usual round Cardston. Reader

Alexander's Romance

Alexander first appeared six years ago, says Youth's Companion, cheerfully calling his wares behind a push-cart laden with fruit. Once when the lady of the house, vigorously weeding in the garden, had declined to purchase, he yet lingered, "Hard a work, hard a work," he murmured with ingratiating sympathy. "Meeh hard a work for a lady."

"Oh, but I like it," said the lady, laughing. Alexander looked incredulous.

"Like a work?" he ejaculated; then, smiling brilliantly in comprehension, "Ah, you lot of flowers!"

"Yes, I love flowers," she agreed. "That makes the work pleasant."

Often, after that, Alexander would cry heartily as he came down the path, "Your flowers ver' fine to-day!" Occasionally he would beg "one ver' little flower" for himself.

One day, tucked into his hat-band, and gone on his way with a delightful air of childlike vanity. Indeed, it was becoming. Alexander was not a golden Greek, but he was a handsome youth. After the second year the push-cart vanished; Alexander drove a horse, a drooping, sad-faced beast, with ribs as conspicuous as an umbrella's. The next year there was still a cart, but it was drawn by a brisk and competent little nag.

Sometimes when he received a handful of flowers, Alexander divided them; half went into his hat, half behind the horse's ear. Yet another

season, and he opened a little fruit store down town; the next, the brother came over to be his partner, and the store was enlarged. Last summer Alexander revisited Athens, and brought back a urse. They had been betrothed since they were children.

The lady of the flowers, purchasing peaches, congratulated Alexander, who gazed with pride and pleasure.

"And she is very pretty, of course," said the lady, "and does she speak any English?"

"Aspasia is ver' pretty yes; but she not speak English yet," he explained. "She soon learn, but now she speak only Greek."

"Then I'm afraid at first she will be homesick in a strange land," said the lady.

Alexander cast a swift glance toward the back of the store, and his customer caught a glimpse of a girl's figure peered up on a barrel, and two big dark eyes fixed eagerly upon Alexander.

"No!" he declared, with pious vehemence, drawing himself up proudly as he dropped the final peach into the paper bag. "Aspasia not homesick; she let me ver' much."

"And then, America is a good country," suggested the lady, smiling.

"Aspasia and me, we fin' America a ver' good country," assented Alexander.

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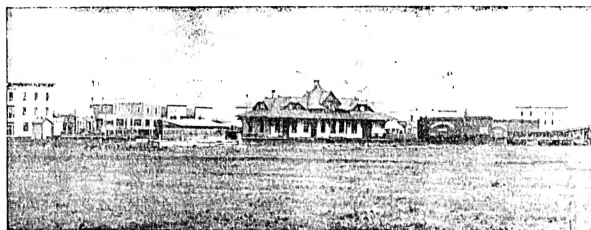
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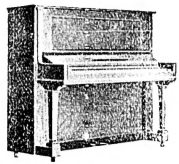
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PERSONALIA

There have been very few Canadians who in high or low station have had such warm tributes paid to their memory as were called forth recently by the death of Mr. Hammond of Toronto. Mr. Hammond, president of the firm of Osler and Hammond, had an extensive connection with western enterprises among them the Calgary and Edmonton railway. The Teronto World gives a very vivid picture of the man in the following: "The best all round business man in Toronto was the late H. C. Hammond. He was a great deal more besides his capacity for business, for business, he was all by himself in the class of men who influence others by their geniality, their charity, and their disposition to help things and others along always showing somebody's card and always doing business at the same time. He had the highest regard for truth and truthful statements, and when he was deceived, as he was at times, he wasn't slow to tell of it and to carry and put it down again. He had more friends than any other man in town or in Canada for that matter and hardly a single one of them could say anything he liked to anyone and he said it often. He loved to see people enjoy themselves, he was here, he thought, to give a helping hand."

It may be news to some of our Albertans to learn that in the Teshu Valley, east of Inuitat there is a large colony of aristocratic French men, where they are engaged in working out the ordinary problems of the western settler. One of the more prominent members of the community, Capt. de Beaupré of Honor, died recently while on a visit to Switzerland. He is described as a remarkable type of the Frenchman of the old school, being a Knight of the Legion of Honor, and a marquis by birth. His retirement from the French army was almost a tragedy. He was one of four officers who in 1902 refused to obey the order of the French government to forcibly expel the Brothers of Placemont from their convent and who were thereupon court-martialed. Since then, before receiving the sentence which was to put an end to his military career he made a protest before the court. He got a large family, he decided to emigrate to Canada. He took up a ranch ten miles from Trueth valley, Alberta, which he named after Joan of Arc. At the age of 51 he was most hopeful, having a high opinion of his adopted country, when death came suddenly. He leaves several sons and a brother who are settled in Alberta.

For the fifth time the members of the Legislature and many of the citizens of Edmonton enjoyed the hospitality of the Speaker, Hon. C. W. Fisher, at his annual dinner on Monday night. The Yale Hotel was this year the scene of the gathering and the exceedingly handsome dining room of that well-known hostelry presented an unusually attractive appearance. The table decorations were elaborate and beautiful. At the head table on either side of the host of the evening were Premier Rutherford, Hon. W. H. Cushing, Hon. W. T. Finlay, Mr. Justice Abbott, His Honor Judge Taylor, Mr. W. H. Rowley, president of the E. B. Eddy Co. of Hull, Quebec, and Mr. A. J. Robertson, leader of the Opposition. A long series of toasts were duly responded to, several bright and witty speeches being made. All joined in expressing regret that there was a possibility that this would be the last function of its kind presided over by the present speaker and Sir Wilfrid Laurier's suggestion that the host in the Dominion Parliament be made a permanent one was enthusiastically commended to those in authority in Alberta. Premier Rutherford offered some consolation by pointing out that a bill was now before the Legislature by which it could have a five year term. This might allow of another session and another dinner presided over by Mr. Speaker Fisher. The warmest tributes were paid to the uniform ability and courtesy which he had displayed in the discharge of his duties.

Hon. Mr. Fisher's resignation of his commission as Major of the Fifteenth Light Horse, has been accepted by the Department of Militia and Captain A. G. Woodley-Doll has been promoted to the vacancy. Captain Creighton Ross Palmer has been promoted to the honorary rank of paymaster in the Alberta Mounted Rifles, via Paymaster and Honorary Captain A. Norquay, who was permitted to resign his commission on Dec. 31, 1908.

In the 21st Alberta Hussars the following appointments have been made: To command the regiment on organization, Major F. O. Sissons. To be promoted majors on organization, Capt. William Kealy; to be provisional majors on organization, Capt. P. Jenkins and Oswald William Kealy; to be provisional captains on organization, Lieut. Wm. James Reid and James Fleming; to be provisional lieutenants on organization, Henry Killeit Oakes, William George Armstrong, Sergt.

Frederic Stuart Pingle, and William Walter Noel McNeely.

Mr. E. J. Chamberlain, who has been chosen to replace Mr. Morse as general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company and its National Transcontinental Railway, is well known in Canada as a competent and successful railway man. He held the same position on the Canada Atlantic Railway for a number of years before it was acquired by the Grand Trunk Company, but he was an experienced railway administrator when he took charge of that system, and he has been adding to his experience since he retired from it. So far as the general public, who are deeply interested in the prosperity of what will be one of the great railways of the world, can see, the company has made a wise selection, says the Toronto Globe. Under the Presidency of Mr. Hays and the management of Mr. Chamberlain, the company and its railway system will enjoy the confidence of the public, as it has done for the past few years of strenuous promotion and costly construction.

As to Mr. Morse's resignation, the Globe's Montreal correspondent says: "It is not his that the real reason for Vice-President Morse's resignation will be found to be in strained relations between himself and the company. It is said that he carried his autocratic railway policy into his dealings with the Government and demanded so much from the country that even the Government rebelled and refused to treat with him any longer. He got into difficulties with the British Government over the site for Prince Rupert, and the situation grew so acute that Mr. Wm. Wainwright had to be sent out to smooth over the affairs. Others who were near to Mr. Morse and knew of the immense strain to which he was subjected gave as their opinion that Mr. Morse has broken down. They state that he was a very nervous man and the mass of detail incident to the building of a great road has caused a nervous breakdown."

Reports to the contrary notwithstanding Mr. J. W. Woolf, M.P.P. for the Calgary seat, leave Alberta but will be a candidate for nomination at the coming Liberal convention in his old constituency.

Mr. Donald McNab, the new member for Lethbridge in the Legislature, has made a good impression in the short time that he has been in the House and much interest attaches to the course which he, as the first labor member elected in the province, pursues. According to the Lethbridge Herald he was born in Scotland 29 years ago, where he lived until he came to Lethbridge five years ago. At thirteen years of age Mr. McNab started to work in a mine along with his father. Since then, for the past 29 years, he has followed that occupation, with only one holiday, when he spent six months on his homestead. He emigrated to Canada to take up land, thinking he could do better for his family in this way than in remaining in the Old Land. Mr. McNab has always interested himself in public matters, and has held office in miners' institutions both here and in Scotland. He is on the District Board of the U.M.W. of A., and has been a delegate to the annual conventions for the past two years. He has been a delegate to the Trades and Labor Council in Lethbridge ever since he came to the country until he went to Taber some months ago. He has been before the Legislature twice as a representative of union labor to ask for legislation in the interests of the workman.

Robert Campbell, acting general manager of the Northern Crown Bank since the resignation of Mr. J. de O'Grady, has been appointed general manager by the board of directors. Mr. Campbell is a native of the city of Montreal, and began his banking career with the Bank of Montreal, in whose service he remained twenty three years occupying several responsible positions, being for a time assistant manager of that bank in Toronto. Mr. Campbell is a nephew of the late distinguished Dr. George W. Campbell of Montreal, dean of the faculty of medicine in McGill university.

As inspector of the Northern Bank Mr. Campbell was a frequent visitor to Edmonton and his friends here will be glad to learn of his advancement.

Mr. Norman C. Pither, B.Sc., who for some years has been connected with the Dominion Coal Company, in Cape Breton, has been appointed chief engineer of the Alberta Railway and Irrigation company.

Mr. Frederick B. Lynch of Minneapolis, who is extensively interested in Western Canadian lands, was a recent visitor to Edmonton. Mr. Lynch, who is one of Gov. Johnson's political lieutenants in Minnesota, has been in New York discussing with eminent Democrats the advisability of inaugurating a movement for the Presidential campaign of 1912. Several of the Democrats with whom Mr. Lynch conferred believed that it would be time enough to begin to work next spring. Others were of the opinion that work

could not be begun too quickly and that Southern Democrats should be importuned to make it plain to all the country that they would no longer tolerate Bryan as the master of the Democratic national organization. It was insisted that these Southern Democrats should tell Mr. Bryan candidly that he had had three chances for the Presidency and that it was now time for him to turn in and endeavor to be of some service to a party which had so highly honored him and to cease to think of himself as the only living sun on pure Democratic and the embodiment of the Democratic national organization.

Mr. E. W. Thomson of Ottawa, the well-known correspondent of the Boston Transcript, and a veteran Canadian journalist, is paying a visit to Edmonton at present.

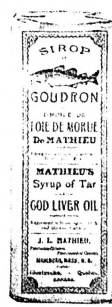
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